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SUMMARY: CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA ITEM 5(A) GOALS
AND TARGETS OF INT' L DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY (IDS)
BEGAN ON MARCH 19. GROUP OF 77 FORMALLY INTRODUCED THEIR
PROPOSED REVISION OF PARAGRAPHS 60-64 OF IDS. DEBATED
CENTERED AROUND THE FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS OF TARGETS
CONTAINED IN THESE PARAGRAPHS. END SUMMARY.

1. EGYPT FORMALLY INTRODUCED THE REVISED TEXT OF
PARAGRAPHS 60-64 OF THE INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY
PROPOSED BY THE GROUP OF 77 (USUN 932).

2. BRAZIL SPOKE TO THE RESERVATIONS ABOUT GOALS
AND TARGETS WHICH HAD BEEN MADE BY MANY DEVELOPED COUNTRIES
IN PREVIOUS GENERAL STATEMENTS. STATED THAT ADVANTAGES
OF QUANTIFIED TARGETS ARE THAT THEY CONSTITUTE
INT' L RECOGNITION OF MAGNITUDE OF THE PROBLEM,
A STATEMENT OF POLITICAL WILL TO MEET THE PROBLEM, AND
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ONE ARE NECESSARY FOR MONITORING THE PROGRESS OF THE IDS AND
ASSISTING DEVELOPMENT PLANNING BY LDC' S.

SAID THAT THE NEEDS OF THE LD 'S ARE QUOTE LIMIT-
LESS UNQUOTE AND THAT IT WOULD BE QUOTE DISASTER UNQUOTE
IF GOALS AND TARGETS ARE NOT DEALT WITH AT THIS SESSION
OF CSTD.

3. THE UK NOTED THAT THERE ARE FUNDAMTAL DEFECTS
IN THE PROPOSED REVISION INTRODUCED BY THE 77. HE STATED
THAT THE CSTD SESSION THUS FAR WAS A WASTE OF TIME TO
THE MANY SCIENTISTS PRESENT AND THAT DEVOTING ENTIRE
SESSION TO DEBATE ABOUT GOALS AND TARGETS WOULD BE FOOLISH.
URGED THE LEAST DEVELOPED OF THE LDC' S TO STUDY THE RE-
VISION CLOSELY AS IT MIGHT DETRACT FROM THE SPECIAL
ATTENTION WHICH SHOULD BE GIVEN TO THEIR NEEDS. ALSO
WARNED THE LDC' S THAT THEY NEEDED TO FOSTER A " HOSPITABLE
CLIMATE" IF THEY ARE GOING TO ATTRACT SCIENCE AND
TECHNOLOGY.

4. REMAINDER OF MORNING SESSION LARGELY DVOTED
TO VIGOROUS REFUTATION OF POINTS MADE BY UK WITH BRAZIL,
PAKISTAN, SUDAN, MEXICO, AND INDIA SPEAKING.

5. PAKISTAN INDICATED A WILLINGLESS TO SEEK
COMPROMISE ON SOME LANGUAGE IN PROPOSEDREVISION OF IDS
BUT STATED THAT TARGETS ARE THE HEART OF THE DEVELOPMENT
STRATEGY AND THERE MUST BE A POLITICAL COMMITMENT ON
PART OF DC' S TO MEET THESE TARGETS.

6. BRAZIL CIRITICZED UK CHARACTERIZATION OF
TARGETS AS FOOLISH. SUDAN SAID THAT AS LLDC IT DID NOT
CONSIDER THAT REVISION WOULD BE DETRIMENTAL TO THEIR
INTEERESTS AS UK ALLEGED. STATEMENTS BY MEXICO AND INDIA
WERE EMOTIONAL, CONCENTRATING ON NEED FOR LDC' S TO REDUCE
DEPENDENCE ON IMPORTED TECHNOLOGY.

7. AT OPENING OF AFTERNOON SESSION UK(SCHWEITZER)
MADE SHORT DIRECT STATEMENT WITH FOLLOWING POINTS: (1)
THE CONSTRAINTS ON EFFECTIVE USE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES ARE USUALLY NOT, IN FIRST INSTANCE,
FINANCIAL BUT RATHER RELATED TO INTERNAL ECONOMIC ENVIRON-
MENT FOR ENCOURAGING INNOVATION; (2) DEVELOPMENT OF IDS
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WAS LONG TEDIOUS PROCESS AND REFISION OF S& T PARAGRAPHS
WHILE IMPLEMENTATION IS JUST BEGINNING IS INAPPROPRIATE;
(3) US WILL NOT CONSIDER ESTABLISHMENT OF FINANCIAL
TARGETS IN PARA 63 OF IDS; (4) US WILL MAKE AS FIRM
A COMMITMENT AS ANY NATION TOWARD APPLICATION OF
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FOR DEVELOPMENT BUT IN PROGRAMATIC
NOT FINANCIAL MANNER; (5) US IS DISTRUBED BY TREND IN
CSTD TO FOCUS ENTIRELY ON FINANCIAL ASPECTS OF SCIENCE
AND TECHNOLOGY FOR DEVELOPMENT. (TEXT FOLLOWS SEPTTEL).

8. JAMAICA SAID THAT DC' S ARE BEHAVING IN A MANNER THAT WILL ASSURE THAT NO PROGRESS WILL BE MADE AT THIS SESSION. REST OF P. M. SESSION TAKEN UP WITH STATEMENTS BY GHANA, ARGENTINA, YUGOSLAVIA, PHILIPPINES AND PERU CRITICIZING EARLIER UK STATEMENT AND QUESTIONING POLITICAL WILL DC' S TO HELP DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. NETHERLANDS SAID IT UNWISE AT THIS STAGE ARBITRARILY ASSIGN QUANTITATIVE TARGETS. EMPHASIZED THAT DC DESIRE NOT FIX QUANTITATIVE TARGETS AT THIS STAGE DOES NOT MEAN DC' S AGAINST INCREASING R AND D AND S AND T AID TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

9. WHEN AFTERNOON' S LIST OF SPEAKERS EXHAUSTED JORDAN SUPPORTED BY FRANCE, CANADA, PHILIPPINES AND ITALY SUGGESTED CSTD FORM WG TO TRY FIND COMPROMISE BETWEEN DC' S AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES RE REVISED TARGETS. BRAZIL, PAKISTAN, INDIA, MEXICO AND UGANDA AGAINST WG AND WNATED CONTINUE DISCUSSION IN PLENARY. CHAIR RULED PLENARY DEBATE WOULD CONTINUE ON MAR 20 ON ITEM 5(A) AND WG THEN MIGHT BE FORMED IF NO AGREEMENT REACHED IN PLENARY .

10. AT AUSTRALIA' S INITIATIVE (WITH US SUPPORT) INFORMAL WG WILL MEET A. M. AR 20 BEFORE REGULAR SESSION TO DISCUSS ITEM 10, POSSIBLE FUTURE TOPICS FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE COMT. PHILLIPS

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